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Advisory Committees for Local Fund Dispensaries.

* 1384 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government are considering any proposal to constitute Advisory Committees for Local Fund Dispensaries also as in the case of Government hospitals? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

Research works on oil-seeds and oil-cakes.

* 1385 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have undertaken any research work on—

(*a*) cotton seed oil milling and refining;

(*b*) solvent extraction of oil-seeds and oil-cakes; and

(*c*) sulphonated oils and other detergents?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" In South Arcot and other dry districts oil-seeds and vegetable oil-seeds are grown in abundance and therefore the starting of an oil technological Institute has become quite neceassary and essential. Will the Government therefore examine these things and implement them as early as possible?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is not necessary to have research stations in every State. These research stations are established under the auspices of the Inian Central Oil-seeds Committee and the results are published for the benefit of all States. An Oil Technological Institute has been established at Anantapur at a cost of Rs. 10 lakhs. Government do not consider it necessary to make any proposal to establish any institute in Madras."

Research station for oil.

* 1386 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— 8-50 a.m.

(*a*) whether the Central Government have consulted the Madras Government for opening a research station for Oil in Madras State; and

(*b*) if so, the place selected for locating the station?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" On the floor of the House, I was once told that the question of opening an Oil Reseaich Station in South Arcot district would be considered. May I know what happened to that proposal? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that this Government have not been consulted in the matter. But I understand that there is a proposal with the Government of India to set up a laboratory for testing and grading essential articles in Cochin."

Plying of buses from Madras to Avadi during the Congress Session.

* 1387 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of buses allotted by the Government for the convenience of the delegates and others to attend the Congress Session at Avadi from Madras ;

(*b*) the number of State buses arranged from other towns;

(*c*) whether any new bus routes have been permitted to private bus owners to ply buses up to Avadi ;

(*d*) how many bus routes have been arranged to Avadi from Madras City; and

(*e*) the amount proposed to be spent by the Government to facilitate transport for the Congress Session?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Two hundred and eighty private buses were run between Madras and Avadi in connexion with the Indian National Congress Session at Avadi.

" (*b*) Government buses are not plying in any other town except in Madras City.

" (*c*) & (*d*) No new routes were granted to private bus owners but temporary permits were issued to the buses to ply from Madras to Avadi and back from four convenient loading points in the City on the following three routes, namely :—

(1) Northern route *via* Red Hills and Alamadi ;

(2) Middle route *via* Poonamallee High Road; and

(3) South route *via* Teynampet, St. Thomas Mount, etc

" (*e*) A sum of about Rs. 1,000 has been spent towards provision of amenities to drivers, conductors and passengers, at the bus stands in the City from where special buses were run to Avadi and on the staff employed for supervising the arrangements."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" சென்னையிலிருந்து எத்தனை பஸ்கள் ஆவடி மகாநாட்டிற்கு விடப்பட்டன. இதனால் பொதுமக்கள் எவ்வளவு தூரம் பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I do not think that any State bus was run in this connexion. We wanted to see that passengers who were attending the Congress